November – The Rotary Foundation

November is the traditional month to celebrate The Rotary Foundation, one of the largest privately held foundations in the world - and the fuel which drives our Rotary clubs. Without the Foundation, Rotary would not have the necessary resources to change the world for the better. My message to you this Foundation month is one of vision, a vision that Every Rotarian can ensure a better future for all through The Rotary Foundation.

I came across this document written by Frank Devlyn in 2005. I could not think of a better way to express what the Foundation is all about and felt that we could all learn from his thoughts and words.

“Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine seeing things through the eyes of little girl from a poor village. After sleeping on a dirt floor, she rises from squalor only to forage for food in a nearby garbage dump. She drinks contaminated water and then is forced to use her little hands to labour 12 to 14 hours or more every day, manufacturing beautiful little dolls. I wonder what this little girl sees when she looks at those dolls. Does she wonder who is going to play with them? Does she long to play with one herself? Does she dream of growing up to be beautiful like one of the dolls and wearing beautiful clothes? I wonder, will she live long or well enough to see that life can be beautiful? I wonder... I also wonder why so many people choose not to see or do anything about the horrific things that are done to children like her all over the world.

There are many people who are so blind as to allow such inhumanity to exist.

Fortunately my friends, Rotarians are not so blind. My faith in humanity is renewed when I see all of the good things that Rotary club members are accomplishing around the world, by helping children, helping families, and enabling those we help to help themselves and others.

Still, I wonder how many Rotarians have the clarity of vision to truly understand that it is our Rotary Foundation that is the conduit through which we help others and make significant change. The Rotary Foundation is our path to Humanity in Motion. Through our literacy programs, we empower children to learn and rise up from poverty. Through our clean water projects, we make a difference so that children in poor villages no longer die of water-borne disease. Through our Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary World Peace Fellows educational programs, we enlighten the next generation of world leaders to challenge the ravages of war and build bridges of peace and hope that link us all. These programs are made possible by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation. This month, at your Rotary club, Foundation semi-
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...district event, club board meeting, wherever Rotarians gather, speak about our Rotary Foundation and encourage everyone to contribute — Every Rotarian, Every Year!

Foundation Month is not only about the money. It is about you and me taking Service Above Self seriously. It is about taking time to Create Awareness and Take Action by doing something to build goodwill and better friendships. It is also about having a vision that enables all of us to see that something as simple as participating in Every Rotarian, Every Year with a contribution to our Rotary Foundation, can be a life-changing event of magnificent proportion in someone’s life, in the lives of all children. We continue to work towards eradicating polio. Why? Because we can. It is Rotary’s gift to the children of the world. Yet, so many more needs remain. Your contributions fuel our life changing programs. Please be generous this year. Make your Annual Programs Fund gift today and contribute to a positive change. During Foundation Month, make someone a Paul Harris Fellow or invite a friend to join Rotary so they, too, can share the vision of a more humane and peaceful world through The Rotary Foundation’. Frank Devlyn - Rotary International President 2000/2001

He talks about “Every Rotarian Every Year” ($100 USD every year). I would like to see all clubs aspire to the centurion program and aim towards every member becoming a centurion. $100 AUD per year is not a big ask and if each club collects $2 per week from each member, then the goal is achievable. Ultimately, we have a program that will result in a significant number of Rotarians achieving the $1,000 USD over time and of course, the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

With those words in mind, I have found a lot of clubs and Rotarians during my visits who do not understand what a PHF represents and thanks to PP Peter Simons of the Portland club who found the following explanation:

What does a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW mean?

A Paul Harris Fellow is recognition of a gift made to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Nothing more and nothing less. The gift of US$1,000 can be made by a Club in the recipient’s name or by someone else, in the recipient’s name or it could be made by the person receiving the Recognition, in their own right. The gift of US$1,000 can be made by a Club or by someone else. It does not matter who has made the gift. It is important, however, that a US$1,000 gift has been made to the Rotary Foundation!

The Paul Harris Fellow is a Gift. A Paul Harris Fellow is NOT an Award. Rotarians need to understand - there is no such thing as a Paul Harris Fellow Award! It is not the highest honour a Rotary Club can bestow on a person (member or not).

For a Rotary Club, the highest Award available is the Four Avenues of Service Citation. There is no listing on the Rotary International site for a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Put simply - a gift is not a purchase!

A Paul Harris Fellow recognition results from a gift. It is most certainly not a purchase! Therefore, NO-ONE can buy a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Therefore, people who have described the gift of US$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation as buying a PHF have missed the point!

Every Rotarian should be a Paul Harris Fellow - and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow! Every Rotarian should be a Paul Harris Fellow because for each PHF we know that US$1,000 has been given to The Rotary Foundation! Similarly, for each sapphire or ruby, etc. added to a person’s PHF pin, an ADDITIONAL US$1,000 has been given to the Rotary Foundation!

We should be celebrating each of these milestones (and gem stones!) for what they represent. That is, a gift to the Rotary Foundation and an opportunity to do even more good in the world through the Rotary Foundation!

In Australia, common usage has developed whereby an "award" of a Paul Harris Fellow has been bestowed on a member for meritorious service to Rotary. In other countries or cities, such as Hong Kong, a new member must purchase a PHF as part of their subscription to join a Rotary Club.

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What about when my Club names me a Paul Harris Fellow? Or, adds a sapphire or ruby to my PHF pin?

Be proud! Be very proud and honoured! In your name, the Club has given the sum of US$1,000 (or more!) to the Rotary Foundation.

They are honouring you in a very special way and you SHOULD be proud of that! Every one of us who has received this honour is very proud of it. I know that I was incredibly humbled, honoured and proud when my Club named me a Paul Harris Fellow and then a few years later added a sapphire to my pin. However, it has not stopped me realising that I need to give to the Rotary Foundation, too.

We must not let our pride in such an honour stand in the way of our encouragement of ourselves and others to continue or to start making personal gifts to the Rotary Foundation! To do so is missing the point! To me, it actually represents a form of false pride.

I am always saddened when I hear Rotarians say things like, "As soon as they allow people to buy their Paul Harris Fellow, I'll resign from Rotary!" This too, is missing the point!! We need to honour every gift made to the Rotary Foundation because THAT is what being recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow is ACTUALLY intended to be! And always was right from the start of gifts being made to the Rotary Foundation.

**The meaning of Paul Harris Fellow**

For those interested, the Rotary International Manual of Procedure says a Paul Harris Fellow is the following:

*An individual who contributes US$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation or has that amount contributed in his or her name.*

No mention of it being an Award! So, why not give to the Rotary Foundation and allow us to continue to do good in the world into the future!

PDG Peter Gilbert (Barbara)
Rotary Club of Preston

**THE FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE (Now FIVE)**

The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service; and now Youth Service (formerly New Generations).

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Regardless of the ways in which the Foundation is expressed, it is the lifeblood of what we are able to achieve as Rotarians.

By supporting **YOUR** Rotary Foundation, you’re able to:

- Send volunteers with skill and expertise to part of the world in need.
- Align your project with our strategic partners for double the impact.
- Educate and train those you work with - the key to sustainability.
- Donate items that are too costly or not available in certain parts of the world.
- Inspire others to join you in Rotary - increase membership and in turn, support of YOUR Rotary Foundation.
- Provide life-changing experiences both for the volunteer and the recipient.

Let’s celebrates the work of the Rotary Foundation during the month of November as we Engage Rotary Change lives.

Ken McInerney  District Governor 2013/2014
Run, Walk, Ride & Aussie Gumboot Throwing Championship

Rotary Club of Bordertown held their annual Run, Walk, Ride event on Sunday 13th October. With the weather forecast looking bleak, 130 competitors set off in brilliant sunshine on a 4km, 7.4km or 10.7km run/walk starting from the town oval or a 7.3km, 14km, 29.3km or 64km bicycle ride starting from the old Primary School.

The sun soon disappeared and showers started rolling in but everyone completed their distance and arrived back at the oval in good spirits. The coffee van did a roaring trade with competitors and spectators looking for something to warm them up and the muffins made by Rotary members/partners helped replenish the energy used.

Once the last rider was home, Local Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin and Tatiara District Council Mayor Richard Vickery handed out gifts to the winners in each event. If you want to practice your gumboot throwing for next year’s event you’ll have to beat 13.8m for females and 24.3m for males.

The aim of the event is to encourage more of the community to participate and increase their fitness by following the training schedule published in local media in the weeks beforehand.

Photo Above: Richard Vickery started this group of riders on their way. 46 of all the participants on the day were 14 years old or younger.

Photo Right: Politician Tony Pasin (far left) came in 2nd on the 29.3km ride.

News & Notes

DG Ken would like to announce the following appointments to the Rotary Foundation Committee:

POLIO SUB COMMITTEE
Chairman: Rtn Bob Netherton Naracoorte

VTT SUB COMMITTEE (New Committee)
Chairman: PP Martin Hill Ballarat

Chair of the District Governor Nominating Committee, PDG Chris Sims, is seeking nominations for the role of District Governor 2016-2017. Click on this link to find further details http://tinyurl.com/mts26xf. Nominations close no later than 6.00 p.m. on March 2, 2014.
News & Notes continued

D9780 AG Youth Services and Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Horsham - Sue Williams, had been selected as the delegate to represent Australia at EEMA in Oslo, Norway in August next year. EEMA (Europe, East - Mediterranean and Africa) is an annual conference for Rotary Youth Exchange with approx 200 delegates from 32 countries attending. Sue was selected at the Rotary Youth Exchange Australia’s annual conference in Adelaide on Oct 20th.

Hat Day

District 9780 Group 2 got together on Tuesday 22nd October to celebrate Hat Day and raise some money for Australian Rotary Health, mental illness research.

Members from Naracoorte, Nhill, Kaniva & Bordertown Rotary Clubs met at the Bordertown Hotel all wearing their best (or worst) hat. Funds were raised by paying to wear a hat and paying even more if you forgot your hat. A raffle was held and a total of $250 will be forwarded to Australian Rotary Health.

President of RC Naracoorte, Andrew Shouksmith gave a short presentation on Australian Rotary Health, their research grants and especially mental health research.

A competition was held for the best hat in several categories. On the voting slip we had to put the person’s name, if we didn’t know who they were we had to go and ask them. A great way of getting to know other Rotarians in our Group.

Winners were:
- Biggest Hat: Helen Teakle, with an extravaganza in pink tulle.
- Historic Hat: Stow Penniment with his scout hat.
- Best Work Hat: John Phelps’ suspiciously clean white hard hat.
- Craziest Hat: Peter Flavel’s duck bill hat.

Each Club gave a brief report on what they have been doing in the last few months.

RC Ocean Grove’s Richard Clay was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by DG Ken at the clubs 30th Anniversary dinner.

DG Ken attended the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast meeting on 23rd October. Photo Below: DG Ken, Club Pres. Jennifer Hudson (left) & AG Group 8, Margaret Robinson.

Photo Above: District Secretary Christine getting ready to pull a name out of one of her special hats.

Photo Just Above: L-R Stow Penniment (Best Historic Hat), Graham Day, John Phelps (Best Work Hat), Chris Steer (Hat from Kazakhstan), Robert Beare.

Photo Left: Bordertown’s Exchange Student Linda Serell (Finland) in her Koala hat, talking to Bordertown Members Yvonne Hunt and Yvonne Sargeant.
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Articles for the DG’s Newsletter can be sent to
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75-150 words (in a word document) & a photo or 2.

WEB SITES
District:  www.rotary9780.org
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District Directory - alterations & additions
Please notify any further alterations in writing to District Secretary Christine.

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Colac West - Sue Schram, new email
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Snapped at DG Ken’s visit to RC Wendouree Breakfast

Photo Above: Rob McDougall & Kate Cash.
Photo Below: Aaron Debuhr & Mary Jansen

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